

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NAKAMURA, Tersuhiro

Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial No.: 10/088,489

Examiner: R. R. BERRY

Filed: March 26, 2002

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4917

For:

ELECTROLESS PLATING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 2003

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the abovecaptioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP

William L. Brooks
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 34,129

WLB/mla

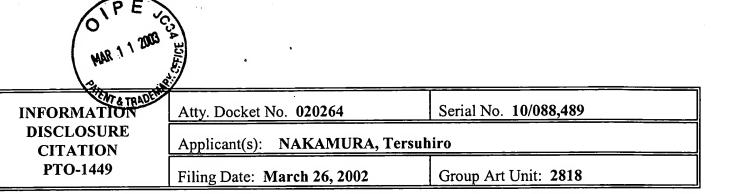
Atty. Docket No. **020264** Suite 1000, 1725 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006 (202) 659-2930 23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosures:

PTO-1449 and references (4)

Copy of European Patent Office Communication and Search Report



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
	AA	5,462,897	Baum et al.	10/31/1995	437	230	
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
<u> </u>	AE	,					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
	AF	7-145485	06/06/1995	Japan	Abstract
	AG	1,103,297	02/14/1968	Great Britain	Yes
	AH	0 887 869	12/30/1998	Europe	Yes
	AI				
<u> </u>	AJ				

OTHER DOCUMENTS

·	AK AL	Copy of European Patent Office Communication including Search Report for corresponding European Patent Office Application 00961188 dated January 28, 2003.
Examiner		Date Considered